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In re Application of :  
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Serial No. unassigned : Group Art Unit:  
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For: COMPUTER ASSISTED AND/OR IMPLEMENTED PROCESS AND  
ARCHITECTURE FOR WEB-BASED MONITORING OF ENERGY RELATED  
USAGE, AND CLIENT ACCESSIBILITY THEREFOR

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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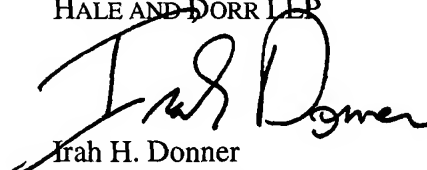
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